

BDCP Steering Committee Meeting

Friday, July 14, 2006 9:00 to 11:00

Draft Meeting Notes

1. Introductions

- See attached list for meeting attendees.

2. Updates

- It was announced that Marc Ebbin from Ebbin Moser + Skaggs is now on retainer for DWR and Resources.
- Jenna O'Neill from Jones & Stokes was introduced as the new meeting coordinator for the BDCP.
- The updated workplan budget was distributed for review.
- The MOA is close to being finalized.
- The timing of public noticing of Steering Committee meetings was discussed. The formal public noticing was proposed to begin once the Planning Agreement is finalized.

3. Planning Agreement – Discussion

- The draft Planning Agreement was circulated prior to the meeting for review and discussion. The Planning Agreement will serve as a general outline to frame the BDCP's next steps over the upcoming eighteen months. Requested revisions were noted, which the drafting team will incorporate into the next draft of the Planning Agreement.
- The timing of the Planning Agreement was discussed. NMFS representatives noted that the cost-sharing agreement between NMFS and USBR will need to be in place before the agency signs the Planning Agreement. NMFS will need 60 to 90 days to approve the funding agreement. The same is true for the MOA.
- The current and future role of the Steering Committee was discussed. It was suggested that a general definition of the Steering Committee and its decision-making process be added to the Planning Agreement. A number of commenters were asked to provide suggestions on the Steering Committee's role and bring them to the next meeting.
- Preliminary Questions from American Rivers, Environmental Defense, Natural Heritage Institute, and The Nature Conservancy were submitted (in the attached separate handout), circulated, and discussed.
- The committee discussed each section of the draft Planning Agreement, through Section 4.3. The remainder of the document will be discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting on July 28.

4. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on July 28, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please note the extended meeting time! Topics will include discussing the remainder of the Planning Agreement (Section 4.4 until the end).

Handouts

- Draft Planning Agreement, dated 07.11.06
- Workplan Budget, dated 07.14.06

Action Items

- Review budget workplan and be prepared to discuss at a later date.
- Develop a general definition of the Steering Committee concept to help shape the committee's responsibilities.
- Bring suggestions on the Steering Committee's role to the next meeting.